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SPAWAR Greets New Communications Satellite Chief

Under Secretary of the Air Force On-hand to Mark Event

SAN DIEGO – Navy Capt. David B. Porter assumed command of the Navy's Communications Satellite Program Office (PMW 146) today in a ceremony at Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command headquarters. Porter assumed command from Robert E. Tarleton, who served as program manager since June 2000.

The Department of Defense's (DoD) Executive Agent for Space, Under Secretary of the Air Force Peter B. Teets, was the ceremony's special guest. Secretary Teets is responsible for developing, coordinating and integrating plans and programs for space systems and for the acquisition of all DoD space programs.

In his four-year tenure, Tarleton managed the acquisition of narrowband communications satellite systems for DoD, which includes the \$2.2 billion Ultra High Frequency Follow-On (UFO) system and the \$6.4 billion, next-generation Mobile User Objective System (MUOS). Under Tarleton's direction, the program office was awarded the Secretary of the Navy's Meritorious Unit Commendation.

A recipient of the Distinguished Civilian Service Award and the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award, Tarleton will attend the Federal Executive Institute before reporting to his next assignment.

Porter has served as PMW 146 deputy program manager since October 2000. Throughout his 24-year career, the U.S. Naval Academy graduate has applied his aeronautical engineering background to the anti-submarine / maritime surveillance and Navy space communities.

The multibillion dollar MUOS contract, which was awarded to a Lockheed Martin-led team Sept. 24, represents a key milestone for providing advanced capability communications to the joint warfighter. The UFO system will continue to provide essential narrowband satellite communications until MUOS becomes operational in 2010.



Robert Tarleton (center) greets Under Secretary of the Air Force Peter B. Teets at the Oct. 4 Communications Satellite Program Office change of command. Tarleton, who served as program manager for four distinguished years, relinquished command to Navy Capt. David Porter.

About SPAWAR, PEO C4I & Space, PEO Space Systems (<http://enterprise.spawar.navy.mil>)

The Program Executive Office for Space Systems, headquartered in Chantilly, Va., provides naval space and warfare expertise to develop superior and affordable space systems in support of naval, joint and combined operations. The PEO's acquisition and systems development branch, the Communications Satellite Program Office, executes procurement of the Defense Department's narrowband communications satellites, which also provide secure narrowband communication for the Department of Homeland Security, the State Department and the White House.

Headquartered in San Diego, the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command's Office of the Chief Engineer designs the architecture and standards for FORCEnet, the Navy's vision for network centric warfare and a pillar of the Chief of Naval Operations Sea Power 21 philosophy. PEO Space Systems and PEO C4I and Space acquire, align and field more than 100 space and C4I programs and projects to help make FORCEnet a reality. The three commands work together to dramatically increase current and future readiness while simultaneously implementing FORCEnet and a new era in warfighting capabilities.

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